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2. Japanese Patent Application No. JP 1-117605 published May 9, 1995 discloses: In an air bag for an automobile in which combustion gas generated in an inflator is made to flow into a bag so as to inflate the bag and protect an occupant, when the prescribed acceleration is detected, the air bag for the automobile is so constituted that the air bag 20 is installed between a sun visor 16 mounted on a roof 3 and the upper end of a front window shield 2.

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